

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD AUGUST 23, 2005, AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: EDWARD SULLIVAN, ROBERT BELMAN, ROBERT HUNT, AND THOMAS VILLACRES, CHAIRMAN, AND JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT. MEMBER KAREN ZINK AND VICE-CHAIRMAN DANA REINBOLDT WERE DELAYED; MEMBER PATRICIA HEALY WAS ABSENT.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Mr. Sullivan Second: Mr. Belman

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 6A and 6B:

To discuss student matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (2) of the Code of Virginia;

To discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1) of the Code of Virginia.

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Belman, Mr. Hunt, and Mr. Villacres. Motion carried unanimously.

(Ms. Reinboldt arrived).

The School Board reconvened into open session.

7:00 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

(Ms. Zink arrived).

Certification of Closed Meeting

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Mr. Sullivan

Second: Mr. Belman

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Belman, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Reinboldt, and Mr. Villacres. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (None)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Andrea Kobel, Rea Boudaud, Hilda Arst, Wendy Snider, Lynn Knight, Allen McCall, and Carmen Cataan spoke to the School Board regarding block scheduling.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Student Matters - Discipline Committee

Prior to the School Board meeting, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee

- * Affirmed and upheld the long-term suspension of Student A for the 2005-06 school year and authorized him to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- * Continued the expulsion of Student B and authorized the student to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.
- * Lifted the expulsion of Student C and authorized him to return to his regular base school for the 2005-06 school year.
- * Continued the expulsion of Student D and authorized him to apply to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program on strict probation.

Student Matters – Closed Session

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE 20 STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD LIFT THE EXPULSION OF STUDENT E AND AUTHORIZED HIM TO RETURN TO HIS BASE SCHOOL FOR THE 2005-06 SCHOL YEAR ON STRICT PROBATION. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Reports (None)

Comments

Mr. Sullivan stated that the NSBA will hold its Technology Conference in Denver in October and, unless there was objection from the Board, he would be participating on behalf of

the Commonwealth Governor's School. In response to a letter in the *Free Lance-Star* from Tom Coen, Mr. Belman stated that the School Board has discussed finding land in the southeastern part of the county for some time and that it was also a recommendation made by the Long-Range Planning Committee. Mr. Hunt thanked parents for their comments on block scheduling. He suggested that the School Board hold a special meeting or continue discussion of block scheduling to inform parents and resolve issues about block scheduling. Ms. Reinboldt attended the Transportation Orientation and found it to be very positive. Mr. Villacres announced that the School Board renewed Dr. Murray's contract for four years. He stated that the School Board would need to find land by December 2005 in order to open a high school in 2009. Mr. Villacres informed the Parks & Recreation Commission about the conceptual plan for the Melchers Complex. Mr. Villacres announced that the VSBA would hold its Leadership Conference in October and its Annual Convention in November.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comments

Dr. Murray announced that Mike Ballard, Technology Supervisor, recently completed his doctoral program and offered congratulations on his achievement. She also expressed thanks to Kelly Hannon, Education Reporter with the Free Lance-Star, for her years of fair and balanced reporting. Dr. Murray recognized Melissa Nixon, Ms. Hannon's replacement. Dr. Murray stated that the federal review for monitoring special education programs would be completed shortly but was pleased to note that no items were out of compliance with federal regulation. She stated that an advertisement would be placed in the newspaper inviting citizens to apply/reapply to advisory committees. Appointment to the advisory committees will be made at the next meeting. Dr. Murray stated that Mr. Hunt was recommended as a member of the National Advisory Committee for NSTAR. In response to comments made by parents concerning block scheduling, Dr. Murray indicated that the school division will continue to monitor conflicts in scheduling to include AP, Dual Enrollment, Focus, CGS, Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. She noted that schedule conflicts at each high school were common at the beginning of a school year, but that staff were aware of the concerns and were working to resolve them.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the July 12 and July 22, 2005 Meetings
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Request for Religious Exemptions
- D. Request for Unusual Field Trips
- E. Approval of Purchase: CES Instructional Technology/Infrastructure Procurement
- F. Dominion Virginia Power Easement Agreement – CES Site Lighting

- G. Dominion Virginia Power Easement Agreement – MS2006
- H. (Moved to Item 9D)**
- I. Award of Contract: Metal Shelving – MVHS
- J. Award of Contract: Cafeteria Produce Products
- K. Renewal of Contract: Grocery – Cafeteria Food & Non-Food Products
- L. Adoption of Textbook: Cosmetology
- M. (REMOVED)**

Dr. Murray announced the appointment of Deborah Stewart, Clerk of the Board, Douglas Schuch, Executive Director of Testing and Program Evaluation, and Karen Spahr, Administrative Assistance at Drew Middle School.

ACTION ITEMS

No Child Left Behind Application

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATED NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND APPLICATION FOR 2005-06, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adoption of FY2007 Budget Calendar

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT THE FY2007 BUDGET CALENDAR, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Application/Agreement-School Bus Service (Widewater Village)

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINOLDT AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE APPLICATION/AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL BUS SERVICE AT WIDEWATER VILLAGE, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Award of Contract: Replacement of Athletic Field Lights – SHS

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTS AT STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL TO CENTENNIAL CONTRACTORS ENTERPRISE, LEESBURG, VA., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.217 MILLION FOR THE FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL FIELDS LIGHTS AND POLES AT STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Amendment to Bylaw 1-35: Budget Process

Amendment to Policy 4-5: Budget - Generally

The School Board received the proposed amendment to Bylaw 1-35, Budget Process and proposed amendment to Policy 4-5, Budget Generally. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Villacres will review policy and bylaw and the proposed amendments will be brought back at the next meeting.

Main Marquee/Sign Guidelines

The School Board received proposed guidelines on School Facility Main Marquee/Signage. Action will be requested at the September 13 meeting.

Security Upgrades – School Main Entrances

Information was shared with the School Board on Security Upgrades for School Main Entrances to be phased in during summer 2007 – summer 2009. Action will be requested at the September 13 meeting.

ES2008 Site Location Options

The School Board received information on site location options for ES2008. Action will be requested at the September 13 meeting.

School Board Roundtables

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD RESCHEDULE THE PARENT ROUNDTABLE TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2005 AND THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER ROUNDTABLE TO OCTOBER 27, 2005. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amendment to Policy 7-13 Student Transfers

The School Board received the proposed amendment to Policy 7-13, Student Transfers. Action will be requested at the September 13 meeting.

It was the consensus of the School Board to give the Superintendent authority to approve transfer appeals prior to the next meeting.

Proposed Regulation 7-13: Student Transfers

The School Board received proposed Regulation 7-13: Student Transfers. No action was requested.

Proposed Policy 7-13.1: Admission/Exclusion of Certain Students

The School Board received proposed Policy 7-13.1, Admission/Exclusion of Certain Students. Action will be requested at the September 13 meeting.

Amendment to Policy 5-34: Travel Allowances/Expenses

The School Board received the proposed amendment to Policy 5-34, Travel Allowances/Expenses. Action will be requested at the September 13 meeting.

Award of Contract: Construction of Press Boxes – BPHS/CFHS

The School Board received information on construction of press boxes at Brooke Point and Colonial Forge High Schools. Action will be requested at the September 13 meeting.

Grafton Village Elementary School: Update on Remediation

Dr. Nougaret updated the School Board on remediation actions taken in response to indoor air quality assessment at Grafton Village Elementary School. An information meeting for parents will be held on August 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Grafton Village.

Procedures for Renewal & Award of Contracts

The School Board reviewed procedures for the renewal and award of contracts. No action was requested.

Policy 1-29.1: Board Evaluation

The School Board received information on the proposed amendment to Bylaw 1-29.1, Board Evaluation. Action will be requested at the September 13 and September 27 meetings.

AYP Accreditation

Mary Anne Spinella, Supervisor of Student Services and Assessment, presented preliminary results of AYP which indicate 21 of 25 schools made AYP (84% of the schools).

Update on JROTC Programs

Dave Mirra updated the School Board on the JROTC programs being offered for the 2005-06 school year. Army JROTC will be held at Colonial Forge High School and Air Force JROTC will be held at North Stafford High School.

Triennial Census Update

Wendy Surman presented the final update for the triennial census. Over 31,000 school-age children were identified with an 83% response rate from the community (93% response rate from the schools).

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.